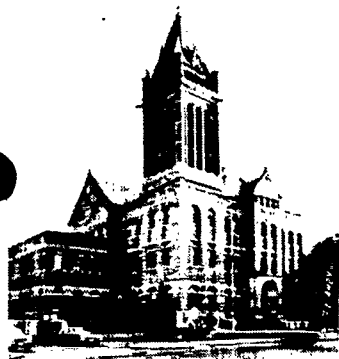


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May 10, 1996

Ms. Lesley Brunker
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Region III
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Dear Ms. Brunker:

I am writing on behalf of the Allegheny County Department of Public Works to comment on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Limestone Road Superfund Site in Allegheny County, Maryland. We fully support your proposed plan which would provide a public water supply to the Limestone Road Site.

Allegheny County has a proposed water supply project which would include the Limestone Road Site within its service area. We have submitted a pre-application for funding of our Oldtown Road Water Project to Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD) and been invited to submit a final funding application.

In discussing this situation with RECD, they have indicated that because our project includes a Superfund Site there may be a possibility of taking our project to their national pool of funding. This is where all RECD offices nationwide pool their uncommitted funds at the end of the Federal Fiscal Year and fund the highest rated projects. This could make funding available by October of this year.

We have had an offer from the Potentially Responsible Parties to fund the design of our entire project. This would make it possible to have the project designed by this Fall when funding may become available.

Please consider our project as the solution to the Limestone Road Site rather than proceeding to have the PRPs provide the water system. Allegheny County has a long, successful record of funding and building public water supply systems.

Sincerely,

Ronald K. Snyder, P.E.
Utilities Division Chief

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cc: W. Stephen Young, P.E.

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